

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“...he that believeth on
HIM shall not be
confounded.”

1 PETER 2:6

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

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Jim West - November 15th

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR TOMMY ROBBINS

ISAIAH 58:8—THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH

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THE CONCLUSION

"STAND THEREFORE, HAVING YOUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH..."

(EPHESIANS 6:14)

Of all the temptations that ever I met with in my life, to question the being of GOD, and the truth of his gospel is the worst, and the worst to be borne. When this temptation comes, it takes away my girdle from me, and removeth the foundation from under me. Oh! I have often thought of that word, *"having your loins girt about with truth"* and of that, *"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"*

Sometimes, when, after sin committed, I have looked for sore chastisement from the hand of GOD, the very next that I have had from him hath been the discovery of his grace. Sometimes, when I have been comforted, I have called myself a fool for my so sinking under trouble. And then again, when I have been cast down, I thought I was not wise to give such way to comfort. With such strength and weight have both these been upon me.

I have wondered much at this one thing, that though GOD doth visit my soul with never so blessed a discovery of himself, yet I have found again, that such hours have attended me afterwards that I have been in my spirit

so filled with darkness, that I could not so much as once conceive, what that GOD, and what that comfort was, with which I have been refreshed.

I have sometimes seen more in a line of the Bible, than I could well tell how to stand under; and yet at another time the whole Bible hath been to me as dry as a stick; or rather my heart hath been so dead and dry unto it, that I could not conceive the least dram of refreshment, though I have looked it all over.

Of all fears, they are best that are made, by the blood of CHRIST; and of all joy, that is the sweetest that is mixed with mourning over CHRIST: Oh! it is a goodly thing to be on our knees, with CHRIST in our arms, before GOD. I hope I know something of these things.

I find to this day seven abominations in my heart: 1. Inclining to unbelief. 2. Suddenly to forget the love and mercy that CHRIST manifested. 3. A leaning to the works of the law. 4. Wanderings and coldness in prayer. 5. To forget to watch for that I pray for. 6. Apt to murmur because I have no more, and yet ready to abuse what I have. 7. I can do none of those things which GOD commands me, but my corruptions will thrust in themselves. *"When I would do good, evil is present with me."*

These things I continually see and feel, and am afflicted and oppressed with; yet the wisdom of GOD doth order them for my good: 1. They make me abhor myself. 2. They keep me from trusting my heart. 3. They convince me of the insufficiency of all inherent righteousness. 4. They shew me the necessity of flying to JESUS. 5. They press me to pray unto GOD. 6. They shew me the need I have to watch and be sober. 7. And provoke me to pray unto GOD, through CHRIST to help me, and carry me through this world.

PASTOR **JOHN BUNYAN**

ABIDETH IN HIM

"...HE THAT ABIDETH IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST,
HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON." (2 JOHN 1:9)

When I hear it said, *"Such and such do not believe the doctrines of sovereign grace and substitution, but they love the LORD and are saved,"* I wonder and ask, *"What then was the Bible written for?"* Is it no infallible expression of the mind of GOD? Is it no standard of TRUTH? Are we to believe what appeals to us and deny the rest? GOD forbid!

GOD'S Word declares the oneness of truth and condemns EVERY DEPARTURE FROM THE TRUTH AS A DIRECT ATTACK ON GOD HIMSELF!

Do not tell me that a man's heart is right with GOD when his head contains a creed of error and denies the PERSON and work of the REDEEMER.

PASTOR **HORATIUS BONAR**

HE SHALL SAVE THEE

“...WAIT ON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SAVE THEE.” (PROVERBS 20:22)

Just before our LORD went to the cross to accomplish our salvation; just before HE went to the cross to give HIS life a ransom for many, HIS beloved people, HE said *“I pray for them.”* I want to know that when HE prayed ‘for them’ that HE prayed for me, don’t you? The apostle wrote *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*

Friend, there is nothing more important than to know if indeed you have the SON. There is no subject of more importance than to know if you are savingly joined to the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Many religious pretenders say that they know the LORD, but my friend, the question I want to press is this, does the LORD JESUS CHRIST know you? Does HE in fact know me? If HE does, be sure of this, HE prayed for you and me and ‘*shall save*’ us.

In so many blessed places the Word of GOD comforts believing sinners, in setting forth our blessed LORD and SAVIOUR as the GOD who ‘*shall save*’ HIS people. The proverb of GOD very blessedly declares *“Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and HE SHALL SAVE THEE.”*

Friend, don’t try to fix it! Don’t try to get things right before GOD before you come to CHRIST—you never will. There is only one who can recompense for all the evil you are! Wait on the LORD, and HE shall save thee.

Are you surprised at my speech evil man? Do you consider yourself otherwise? The LORD JESUS CHRIST came into the world to save ungodly, evil, sinners. Friend, if GOD has not taught you as yet, that you are evil — I fear that you are, even now, without CHRIST.

The LORD himself declares to sinful man *“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”* (LUKE 11:13) Do you remember what our LORD explained to HIS step brothers? HE said to them *“The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.”* (JOHN 7:7)

This unbelieving world hates the LORD’s testimony, but oh how I love HIM for it! If HE had not shown me that I am evil, I would never have come to HIM to recompense for all of it, and wait on HIM to save me.

Beloved, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is the one that does not fall short of the glory of GOD. HE is the one who gives HIS own glory to those who have given up pretending to have their own. Our LORD declared to our HEAVENLY FATHER *“...the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.”*

Friend, believe on the LORD, wait on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and HE SHALL SAVE THEE. AMEN! (ACTS 18:8, PROVERBS 20:22)